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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A marine vessel is provided having a stern drive attached
to the transom of the vessel. An actuator is provided for
adjusting the pitch of the stern drive relative to the transom
of the vessel. The stern drive is mounted on the transom of
the vessel such that a driveshaft driven by the engine of the
10 vessel and passing through the transom to enter the stern
drive does so above the waterline of the vessel. Furthermore,
the actuator is of a sufficient length to allow the pitch of
the stern drive to be adjusted to such a degree that the
entire stern drive can be brought above the waterline of the
vessel. To this end, the actuator may be disposed between the
15 transom of the vessel and a cantilevered member attached to
the stern drive.

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